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A noble mind disdains not to repeat.—Homer.

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

Supervisor Harry Murray's withdrawal from the race for reelection meets the approval of the community. The voters will accept his declaration that he is withdrawing "for the protection of my political and personal friends" at its face value, and will give him credit for quitting the race in the best interests of all concerned.

At the same time, Murray's statement that his friends are being "harassed by the small element lately assuming dictation to the body of the Republican party" should not and will not be allowed to go unchallenged. His statement that if he should press his campaign, the wrath of an alleged "inner circle" would descend upon his supporters, should not and will not be allowed to go without denial. This is rot, and Murray knows it. This is talk to save his face, and he knows it.

The plain truth is that the community is tired of the kind of municipal government which Murray and his supervisory combination has represented. Even before Murray took his seat on the board, eighteen months ago, he was embroiled in a factional fight, and he never rose above the factional level. The whole administration of the present board has been on the level of peanut politics instead of on the level of honest work for the good of the city. Murray has been the accredited representative of factionalism on the board. He has been the brains of a factional combination.

The moment this combination faced a campaign in which its leaders asked for reelection, the temper of the community was shown. Forced to carry the burden of its unsavory record, the combination began to stagger. The Murray-Kruger alliance made an effort to get through last Friday night's nominations enough friends to assure support in the convention, but when the reckoning came this week, the alliance feared to go into the primaries next Friday night. Even if Murray, Kruger and others could have engineered a renomination, they would have faced an outraged sentiment in their party that must spell disaster in the elections.

Supervisor Murray's mistake has been that apparently he played politics on the board all the time, and while the people will stand for a good deal of politics, they demand that the interests of the city come first. Mr. Murray has a large circle of personal friends; he is young, with many good qualities, and his faults are of temperament rather than of intention. His service to the city should not end, even though he retires into private life. There is much usefulness for a young man of his experience in municipal affairs and it is to be sincerely hoped that he will carry out his expressed intention of work for Honolulu as a private citizen.

But Mr. Murray should not retire with the impression that the opposition to his candidacy comes from any inner circle or any small element of his party. The opposition represents the revolt of the great majority of his party against an unsuccessful board of supervisors whose incessant bickering and childish quarrels have reduced municipal legislation to the level of a street-brawl.

THE PASSING OF "WIRELESS" WILSON

The way of the transgressor is hard. This enduring truth, long ago proved, is again illustrated in the death of Col. Christopher Columbus Wilson in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

Col. Wilson—"Wireless" Wilson—was one of the picturesque figures in the world of shady finance. A man of distinguished appearance, great gifts of personal magnetism and force, he used his gifts to amass a fortune estimated at between two and three millions in one of the

most remarkable stock-selling campaigns ever known. United Wireless stock was sold from end to end of the country, on the most specious and flattering promises of great dividends. The beginning of this campaign came at a time when the attention of the world was focused on the extraordinary achievements of Marconi, DeForest and other inventors of wireless equipment, and when it seemed probable that the wireless telegraph would soon usurp the place of the land telegraph and the telephone, the stock in which companies had made its holders rich.

The stock-selling operations of United Wireless were entirely apart from its real wireless operations, and much harm was done the company by the get-rich-quick methods of Wilson. George H. Parker, a director and its western agent, and others who did not scruple to sell the securities by all the devious methods known to financiers of their type.

Then Uncle Sam's keen-witted postal inspectors went to work, and within a short time the most prominent of the United Wireless stock-sellers were indicted for defrauding investors through the mails. Wilson was sent to the penitentiary for three years, Parker for two, Butler, the general counsel, for two, Tompkins, president of the New York selling agency, for two, others for equal or less terms.

Wilson died in the penitentiary yesterday. Parker, broken in health, is out on parole at his home in Seattle, the others are lost from sight. From positions of respectability in the community they have become jail-birds.

There was a time when Wilson and Parker and Butler dazzled the eyes of poorer men by the magnificence of their living. They feasted and made merry like kings; they maintained costly apartments, liveried servants, expensive automobiles; their money flowed like water.

But their magnificence has been torn away and their glittering careers covered with shame. It is the old story of unearned wealth, crooked dealing, corruptness. The fallen kings of finance furnish a moral more powerful than sermons on the unstable foundation of ill-gotten riches. Dragged from their pedestal, their dishonesty exposed, how many times have Wilson and Parker and the others cried aloud in their lonely cells for the character and the purity of conscience lost when they yielded to the temptations of sham luxury and mocking fortune!

THE CALL OF CITIZENSHIP

In the closing days of a life during which for years he had battled bravely with a relentless physical enemy, Mr. W. W. North, to whom death came last night, climbed the stairs to the county clerk's office to register as a voter. Not even the grip of a fatal malady could make him forget his duties as a citizen, which he carried out quietly, modestly, sincerely. The deep regret with which the community hears of his death is mingled with admiration for one who out quietly, modestly, sincerely. The deep respect so deeply felt the obligation upon him to exercise the rights and privileges of a citizen. It is a beautiful, a shining example.

With \$600,000 appropriated by Congress for extension of the Pearl Harbor drydock, and with early construction work on the Pearl Harbor electric line assured, the section of the city to the westward will be too busy to worry over the tariff or politics.

The New York police lieutenant against whom the shocking exposures of dealing with the "graft syndicate" are directed, now charges he is the victim of a plot. Every time a crook or an incompetent public official is shown up, he raises the cry of persecution or a plot.

Why use the Sherman law to bust a monopoly? Spreckels has called Gov. Johnson "liar" and Roosevelt, who has owned the majority control in that good old word for many years, is forced to stand for it.

Secretary Stimson might as well extend his western tour of army posts to include Hawaii, and thus join the wave of cabinet officers headed this way.

Gov. Johnson, against whom there is now a "recall" petition out, helped get that recall law through the California legislature, didn't he?

It's no use getting an inefficient man out of the city government unless the voters are going to put an efficient man in his place.

If they keep on making revelations at Washington, there won't need to be any law passed for publicity of campaign contributions.

That general sigh of relief yesterday was caused by the news that Congress had adjourned.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

ONE ON SOMEBODY.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—When I was a boy my father sent me to measure a piece of plank that was down in the yard. I came back with the information that it was three feet, twelve inches long, and my father said I was a darned dummy.

This morning's Advertiser publishes an article, with a San Francisco date line, under the heading of "New Island Volcano Pops Out of Pacific," and gives the location of the new island as "170° 39' W. and 15° 59' S." As sixty minutes make one degree, there is just about as much logic in that latitude given as there would be in saying a train left Honolulu at 19:60 in the morning, and is on a line with my measurement of the plank that my father sent me to measure.

SEAMAN.

Honolulu, Aug. 27.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

W. H. HOOGE—The account of the University Club-Army game last Saturday in the Star-Bulletin yesterday was one of the best and most interesting news stories I ever read. It certainly was appreciated by baseball men as well as those who saw the picturesque side of the game.

CAPTAIN JOSSELYN—I don't understand why the people of Singapore have not started a pineapple cannery there. The pines there are fully the equal of those here in flavor, size and quantity, and the yield could be increased by the planting of unlimited territory. Labor in Singapore is paid about one-quarter the amount it is here.

PERSONALITIES

MRS. ALEXANDER ISENBERG will depart for the coast tomorrow in the Mongolia.

PRIEST REDISCOVERS FORCE CONNECTING HEAVEN WITH EARTH

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Aug. 10.—An independent rediscovery "that the invisible agency connecting heaven to earth is electro-magnetism" was announced today by the Rev. C. P. Richard, in charge of the observatory. Father Richards also gave out a list of dates of disturbances for the Pacific coast up to the end of the first week of September. The dates are: August 7½ to 10½, now passing; August 14½ to 17½; August 21½ to 24½; August 27 to 31, and September 3 to 6½. His statement says:

"Solar activity has been all since July 5 to the present. That day there appeared a group of spots five degrees south and four degrees west of the central meridian which somewhat modified our weather dates for July. But the striking feature is that by reconstructing these dates in accordance with July 5 they are brought to be in full accord with the weather maps for July, even to a fraction of a day. We have a simple, infallible rule for telling the weather in advance as long as we please, the only prerequisite being to know the date and position of new sun spots."

According to Father Richard, the Pacific Coast disturbances forecasted will cross to the Atlantic States and plunge into the Atlantic ocean. "A brand new feature of our forecasting," the statement continues, "is that even though a solar storm vanishes entirely from sight, and no telescope in existence can reach it, yet, by following its dying traces right around the parallels of solar latitude and applying our rule—a very simple mathematical formula—the same results are obtained as when a spot in the full vigor of life crosses the invisible hemisphere. No better proof than this, we think, can be given that the invisible agency connecting heaven to earth is electro-magnetism. This, then, constitutes an independent rediscovery that sun spots have an intense and immense magnetic field, including the earth, in their powerful grasp, and even reaching beyond Neptunean regions—a conclusion arrived at by actual experiments made on Mount Wilson and at Pasadena under the direction of George E. Hale.

A LONG JUMP

A political orator, evidently better acquainted with western geography than with the language of the Greeks, recently exclaimed with fervor that his principles should prevail "from Alpha to Omega."—Christian Register.

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Treasurer of Brewer & Co. Kept Up Activity Almost to the End

A distinct loss to the community has occurred in the death of William W. North, treasurer of C. Brewer & Co., Ltd. He died at his home in Green street, a little before two o'clock this morning, after a long illness but very brief idleness. Mr. North was at his office in the Brewer establishment as late as last Friday. On that morning a Star-Bulletin reporter waiting to see the president of the corporation saw him crossing the rear hallway and noticed that his gait was feeble and labored. That same day, however, Mr. North walked from his office to the county clerk's office, climbing the stairs there to register as a voter. His fatal malady was consumption, the attack of which he had bravely resisted for years by keeping steadily at work. He leaves a wife and daughter, Miss Helen North, to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and father.

Mr. North was about 58 years of age, having been born in New York in 1854. He came here first in 1876, entering the service of C. Brewer & Co. and the Onomea Sugar Co. After some years he went to California, returning in 1898 and again going into the employ of C. Brewer & Co. He has been treasurer of that corporation since 1909.

"I feel as if I had lost one of my dearest friends," said E. Faxon Bishop, president of C. Brewer & Co., this morning. "Mr. North was a man of retiring disposition and on that account was not known to a great many people. He was regarded by his employers as one of the most faithful men we have ever had."

Mr. North was a trustee and the treasurer of the Queen's Hospital, having been elected treasurer on June 28, 1906, and resigning on account of his health on January 15, 1910. In accepting his resignation the board of trustees passed a vote expressing confidence in him and appreciation for his past services. He occupied a number of positions around town as auditor, the Hawaiian Trust Co. and other institutions availing themselves of his services in that capacity.

The body is to be cremated and the funeral will be private, taking place from the residence at four o'clock this afternoon.

CHAUFFEUR FINED \$50 FOR RECKLESS DRIVING

James Pierce, a chauffeur, was fined \$50 and costs this morning by Judge Monsarrat on a charge of heedless driving, the offense charged in the complaint occurring on the evening of August 7 at Lewers and the Beach roads.

According to the evidence, Pierce was driving at a rapid rate of speed at the time the accident happened and crashed into Charles Wilfer's car which was standing in the middle of the road. Wilfer had stopped to render assistance to Mrs. Haynes who was cranking her car at the side of the road and as he stepped out of his car, Pierce's machine crashed into his from the rear.

Wilfer's machine was damaged and he swore out a warrant for Pierce's arrest charging heedless driving.

NOEL DEERR TAKES BRIDE IN NEW YORK CATHEDRAL

According to a cable received from New York this morning, Noel Deerr, technologist at the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Experiment Station, was married in St. Patrick's cathedral, New York City, this morning to Miss Rhode Wilson of London, Eng. Miss Wilson arrived in New York this morning and the ceremony took place immediately after her arrival.

It is announced that after a honeymoon spent at Niagara Falls and the Yosemite Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Deerr will arrive in Honolulu September 16. Mr. Deerr has been in Hawaii for a number of years and is widely known as a scientist, but his friends here had not been informed that his trip to the mainland was for the purpose of becoming a benedict.

BORN.

HOLBRON—At Waikiki, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holbron, Jr., August 15, a girl.

According to ancient records rhabarbar was used as an article of diet in China as far back as 2700 B. C.

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